

## Lesson 13: Income – Unemployment Compensation; Form 1040, Line 19

### What “other income” must Vanessa report?

Recall that taxpayer Vanessa Franklin is married, but lives apart from her husband. You have already identified her income from wages and from self-employment. On her approved intake and interview sheet she checked “Yes” for unemployment compensation, but in an earlier part of the interview she indicated that her husband had received that income.

Vanessa may have received other income that must be reported. A list of possible sources of other income is found in the Income section of the Volunteer Resource Guide (Tab D).

Based on the approved intake and interview sheet, you ask additional probing questions to validate her unemployment entry.

### Sample interview clarifying other income

#### SAMPLE INTERVIEW

##### VOLUNTEER SAYS...

*I recall that your husband received unemployment compensation during the tax year, but that the two of you were living apart. Is that correct?*

*As I may have mentioned before, because you are filing as Head of Household, instead of a joint return, you won't need to report any of his income. He'll do that on his own return.*

*No, you don't need to report child support payments.*

*Did you receive any other income in 2009? Here is a list of things that are considered income. Did you receive any of these in 2009?* [Volunteer shows Vanessa Table A, Examples of Income, in the Volunteer Resource Guide, Tab D.]

*Okay, that finishes up the Income section. If you'll look at the screen, this is your total income. Next, we'll discuss any adjustments to your income.*

##### VANESSA RESPONDS...

Yes, that's right.

Well, I should tell you that my husband has sent me a couple of checks to take care of the kids. Should we declare that?

I'm glad to know that!

I don't think so. No, I'm sure I didn't.

After such an interview, be sure to record any additional information you gained from the taxpayer's responses on page 2 or 4 of Form 13614-C or other approved intake and interview sheet.

### Completing the return

Enter Vanessa's income from wages on Form 1040, line 7; enter her business income (from Schedule C-EZ) on line 12. Vanessa does not have any other income entries.



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